

APPENDIX B

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Council No. 87

Date June 27, 1989

Full name Thomas Jones, III
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)

Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City Hastings State Florida ZIP Code 32045

Date of Birth 11/17/66 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)

Religion _____ Nationality _____

Occupation Cook

Education _____

Weight 220 Height 5'7" Race Negro

Color of hair Black Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Married Children Two
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Was in the process of Registration as Camp Staff Member. -
Scouting connections: Chartered organization
Registration was not completed.

Unit No. _____ City _____ State _____ Position _____ Date registered _____ Date resigned _____

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Arrested for Lewd & Lascivious Assault on a C.I.T. (Kitchen helper).

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MAR 05 1990

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

JUL 6 1989

JOSEPH L ANGLIM

Council NORTH FLORIDA # 87

F. STARON

March 7, 1990

Mr. Frank M. Rains
Scout Executive
North Florida Council, No. 37

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS JONES, III

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Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

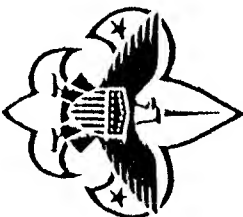
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

READY TO FILE
MAR 07 1990
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
[REDACTED]

February 8, 1990

Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Registration Service

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cc: Mr. Frank N. Rains, Scout Executive
Southeast Region

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*Paul - all is concluded - sorry
for late confirmation on things from him
Heckle him -*

Governor to U.S.: Keep tariffs on citrus...3A

Palatka

VOL 103 NO. 55

■ PALATKA, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1960

PUTNAM CO.

Ex-Scout official gets jail

The second of two former Boy Scout officials charged with sexual abuse charges has been sentenced to prison.

Thomas Jones III received a 14½-year prison term last week. Circuit Judge Robert Perry ordered that Jones serve 4½ years of the sentence in prison and the remaining 10 years on probation. During probation, Jones will not be allowed contact with anyone under the age of 18.

Court records state the maximum sentence Jones could have gotten for the crime was 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In November, Jones entered a no contest plea to the charge of lewd and lascivious assault on a child. The plea means Jones neither admits to nor denies the charge. Judge Perry ruled Jones guilty.

Jones, 23, of Hastings, is a former counselor at the Baden-Powell Road Boy Scout Camp. The charge on which Jones was sentenced stemmed from an incident at the camp on June 26. The court file indicates Jones improperly touched a 15-year-old boy.

Jones was the second Scout official linked to improper behavior with Scouts. Last summer Jake Gary Hersey, 26, of Palatka, was arrested on similar charges and later sentenced to prison time by Perry.

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Southeast Region

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FEB 08 1990
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MEMO - TO: Paul -

DATE 10/2/87

For addition to your file from
Mortl Florida on Thomas Jones III

Steve Moore

STEVEN K. MOORE
Boy Scouts of America



REC-33-334

September 25, 1989

NOTICE OF ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION FROM EMPLOYMENT
WITH CHILDREN OR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

CERTIFIED MAIL P 931 475 141
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas Jones III
[REDACTED]
Hastings, Florida 32045

RE: Michael Wheeler, James Piper

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is to inform you that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services has determined that you are absolutely disqualified because you failed to initiate the amendment/expunction process for a specific abuse referral dated June 26, 1989.

Your potential disqualification shall now be considered absolute, which in effect, shall disqualify you from your current position or from seeking a sensitive position involving the care of children, developmentally disabled, disabled adults, or aged persons. Your only recourse is to seek an exemption from disqualification, which involves an examination of your character so that the department can make a determination whether there is clear and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that you shall not now nor in the future present a danger to the well-being and safety of children or developmentally disabled individuals under your care.

Exemptions will be granted only when the department has clear and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that good character exists to justify an exemption. The District Administrator shall convene a review team to consider your request for exemption. The inquiry shall focus upon whether you present a danger to the safety or well-being of children. Among the factors to be considered are:

DISTRICT FOUR • [REDACTED] • JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32231-0083

308 MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR

GREGORY L. COLER, SECRETARY

1. The circumstances surrounding the incident;
2. The time period elapsed since the incident;
3. The nature of the harm to the victim;
4. Your history since the incident;
5. Other information indicating whether you present a danger to the safety or well-being of children.

It is your responsibility to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation including but not limited to the factors listed above. You have the right to appear before the review team with an advocate of your choice or you may submit all your evidence in writing. The review team will submit its recommendation regarding your request for exemption to the District Administrator for a final decision.

To request such an exemption hearing, you must within 15 days of receipt of this notice of absolute disqualification submit a written request to the local District Screening Coordinator at [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida 32231-0083. If you are dissatisfied with the department's decision on your exemption, you have the right to request an administrative hearing under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

If the exemption is granted by the District Administrator, you shall be notified accordingly. If the exemption is denied, you will be notified by certified letter. You may appeal the denial of an exemption through the formal hearing procedure under ch. 120 of the "Florida Administrative Procedures Act." Your written request for a ch. 120 hearing must be received no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Department's denial of exemption letter at the following address:

Agency Clerk
Office of the General Counsel
Department of HRS
[REDACTED]
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Failure to timely request the exemption hearing within fifteen (15) days shall result in your permanent disqualification from employment with children or the developmentally disabled. Effective immediately, you shall have no direct contact with children or the developmentally disabled in your current position pending the outcome of any appeal you initiate.

Should you have questions about any of the above information, please call me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Thornton

Mary Jo Thornton
Background Screening Coordinator

cc: Judith Hayduk, District Legal Counsel

Mr. James Recor

North Florida Boy Scouts (Camp Shands)
[REDACTED]

Jacksonville, Florida 32205

JULY 11, 1983

READY FOR FILE

JUL 11 1983

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Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 37

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS JONES III

Dear Steve:

We really appreciate all the material you recently sent. This was most complete and will enable us to place Mr. Jones on our Confidential File.

I would like the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. This would then close this file and give us adequate documentation for refusing registration in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region
Frank Kalns, Scout Executive No. 37

MEMO - TO: Paul -

DATE 6/29/84

This guy is not registered but
he needs to go in our file anyway.

Registration was in process, but
the issue surfaced before we got
it to council HQ -

Steven K. Moore



Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service

521 South Edgewood Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

6/26/89 - 2:30 a.m.

I received a call from Jim Recor, reference a "Child Abuse" report from "C.I.T." [REDACTED], about Thomas Jones III, A cook employed at Camp Shands. I advised Recor to call the Sheriff Department and departed for Shands about 3:00 a.m.

About 4:30 a.m.

I met Putnam County Sheriff Sergeant Rick Ryan on the road into Antelope. Stopped and talked; found that Thomas Jones III was in the car under arrest for lewd and lascivious assault on a person under 16 years of age (a third degree felony).

I went on to Antelope Lodge, met Putnam County Deputy T. L. Beutien who had completed getting written statements from; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Thomas Jones III.

I secured copies of statements of above people.
Case number assigned is 890-5278.

I reviewed statements and clarified some parts with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. All of these young people appear to have no ill effects from the experience.

About 8:30

Mr. Wade Priestster, protective investigation from HRS arrived as a result of a call to the Abuse Registry from Sgt. Ryan.

Jim Recor and I updated Mr. Priestster. Mr. Priestster requested to visit with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I took Mr. Priestster to the Dining Hall and introduced Mr. Priestster to the two youths.

I had previously called [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] mother) to set an appointment to visit her in Keystone Heights.

I arrived at the [REDACTED] residence about 10:00 a.m. and updated [REDACTED] on the occurrence. She called her husband in Gainesville and [REDACTED] chose to come on home. I waited on [REDACTED] arrival and updated him. [REDACTED] has had a previous relationship and support problem with Troop 109 and the council, related to ethics of Unit Leadership and his concern for quality of program. This issue was reviewed thoroughly and I anticipate no reflection of this concern to the abuse issue. We had a very pleasant and objective discussion. They will support prosecution. Counseling was offered if a need was indicated. I departed the [REDACTED] for Jacksonville about 1:30 p.m.

About 3:30 p.m.

From the office, I telephoned [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (mother) and up dated her. No problems anticipated. I agreed to send her a copy of her sons statement.

About 4:00 p.m.

I telephoned [REDACTED], [REDACTED] father. I updated [REDACTED]. He has seen the youth protection program and is supportive. No problems anticipated. I agreed to send [REDACTED] a copy of his sons statement.

About 5:00 p.m.

I responded to an inquiry from Tom McNiff of the Palatka Daily News.

Steve R. Moore
Director of Support Services
NFE, BSA

Statement of: [REDACTED]
Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989
Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Office
Case Number 8905278

■ Last Friday afternoon me and a few guys were playing jokes on [REDACTED]. Then [REDACTED] asked to see my wallet. I gave it to him and then he asked me what was in my wallet. I told him rubbers. He then asked me if he could hold one. I asked him why. He said [REDACTED] he was going to put it on and act like he was going to try something on [REDACTED]. He got up and walked over to [REDACTED] then told him to get away and to leave him alone. They had a few words and then Tom walked away from him. After a little while we all apologized to [REDACTED]. ■ then seemed to accept our apologies so we let it drop with that.

Statement of: [REDACTED]
Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989
Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Case Number

I was in bed around 2 - 2:30 (6/23/89) when I heard Tom talking about something. I didn't know what I was to nervous to go back to sleep. When I heard him putting on a rubber and he walked over to my bed he had pulled out his penis and tried to put it on my head, and I blocked it with my pillow after a few minutes I grabbed my arrow and stood up and put the arrow in his chest and told him to backoff or I would put the arrow inside him. After that he told me not to tell the Camp Director or I will have to pack my things and leave and so I told John about it.

Statement of: [REDACTED]
Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989
Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Case Number 8905278

6/26/89 Sitting in bedroom on bed.
(1:30 a.m.) [REDACTED] I, Tom present.
I am laying on my bed and Tom is sitting there on my bed claiming to stay there until he has listened to the radio and took a short nap. Tom then held on to my feet tightly then slowly moving his arms to my crotch while placing my hand near his penis while he was rubbing my privates I pulled away and he did not leave so I decided to wait it out he then tried again and I tell him to stop he then tells me not to tell anyone next he ask me if he could masterbate in my bed. I say fine and I hurry and leave claiming to go to the bathroom. I go down to the Antelope Lodge and sit on the back porch resting deciding what to do. I then see the lights come on in the Beaver Lodge an I hurry to the side of the Antelope Lodge to see if Tom leaves. As soon as Tom left I ran to the Beaver Lodge by the lake front getting inside and stopped to wait on [REDACTED] I then talk to [REDACTED] about what happened and went to lay down about 15 minutes later [REDACTED] woke me up and brought me down to the camp area. At no time did Tom expose himself.

Statement of [REDACTED] 03:57

Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989

Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Case Number 8905278

At approximately 01:25 I awoke and went into the kitchen and had a glass of orange juice and smoked a cigarette when Tom, one of the kitchen workers stepped in and stated that he was leaving for a while. I said OK, and he left. At approximately 01:33 [REDACTED] a C. I. T. for the Boy Scouts came in from outside and I said what's up? He ([REDACTED]) stated that he was just walking outside and I said that he could give me a better line that that. He hesitated for awhile and I could see that he was scared. Finally he said that Tom tried to molested him. I ask him [REDACTED] to explain in his own words what had happened. He [REDACTED] stated that Tom was in his room listening to some music when Tom started to feel his thigh and genital area after pulling Tom's arm off, he (Tom) grabbed his hand and tried to make him masturbate him. He [REDACTED] told me that he [REDACTED] withdrew his hand. He ([REDACTED]) then stated that Tom said asked him if he [REDACTED] didn't mind if he (Tom) masturbated. At this time [REDACTED] got out of bed and said the he was going to the bathroom on his way out of the bedroom he left outside and ran into the woods. After hearing this report, I brought him ([REDACTED]) to the Camp Director to file a formal report.

Statement of: [REDACTED]
Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989
Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Case Number 8905278

About 2:00 a.m. I was awakened by a staff member who reported that a 15 year old C.I.T. had reported to him that he had been fondled by a 22 year old cook. He informed me that he (the youth) was waiting out side. I asked the youth in and questioned him. As it became clear to me that there was a possible abuse I informed both the Council Office (Steve Moore) and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Statement of: Thomas Jones III
Camp Shands, Antelope Lodge
June 26, 1989
Witness, Deputy T. L. Beutien, Putnam County Sheriff's Department
Case Number 8905278

We had went to the store, then came back and was sitting on my bed first. We was all talking and laughing. One boy [REDACTED] pulled out a Playboy magazine. We was looking and laughing. Then we got up and went to the other room. We was sitting on the other bed I listened to a rap tape. Then I said I'm going to kick over and go to sleep. I layed down and he [REDACTED] laid down. He put his feet under my chin. I grabbed his feet. I guess I nodded off. Then I woke up and I said "Hell man, If I touched you or anything, I'm sorry". He said ok. Then I got up and left. Later I came back [REDACTED] said that boy is scared. I said for what. I didn't touch that [REDACTED] In his statement he told [REDACTED] touched him. I said well [REDACTED] get him and I'll apologize to him.

A. Probably

Q. What do you think touched him?

A. My hand was already on his feet. His feet were under my hand for a pillow. If I touched him it was accidental.

Q. Did you touch his penis?

A. I don't know if I did it was accidental. I remember pulling the sheet across me.

Q. Were you sleeping in the same bed with [REDACTED]

A. Yes

Q. There is a question about you putting on a condom, Did You?

A. Yes, there was [REDACTED] and myself wait, [REDACTED] wasn't in there. It was a joke we was messing with [REDACTED] pulled out the condom and I said hand it to me. I put it on and went over to where [REDACTED] was laying down and walked up behind his head.

Q. Did you touch him at all?

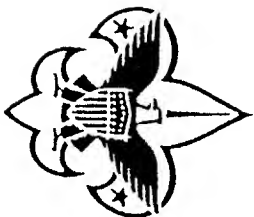
A. I don't think I did.

Q. Was your penis erect?

A. No, it was partially on there.

Q. What happened them?

A. I stopped.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
[REDACTED]

March 7, 1990

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Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

PLN DATE: 09/23/89
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NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL BSA

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R O S T E R

MELROSE

FL

DISTRICT NAME & NUMBER

COUNTY
PUTNAM

LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS
109 R

TERM (MONTHS)
12

RENEWAL DATE
3/31/90

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOX 361

CUBE
024

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE
PAUL L THOMPSON

100% BOY'S LIFE
TOP LEADER TRAINED Y

QUALITY UNIT ? Y

MELROSE FL 32666

DAYTONA BEACH FL 32124

130 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

MEETING PLACE AND
PARISH HOUSE

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BOYS' LIFE: TERM BEGINS ENDS
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ADJUT NEIGHBORHOOD LISTING

LCR NO POS
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ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

ZIP

DATE OF
BIRTH

SEX

PHONE

021719 CR R BARNET
021722 CC R JOSEPH P
021725 MC R ARVIL E
021737 Y SM R ROBERT C
065185 SA R MICHAEL F
108863 SA R RITA J
021739 MC R R N
021743 MC R BOBBY
021744 MC R KATHI

BARCO
BOEHMLEIN (CUB)
BUDD
COOPER SR
FLYNN
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KUTYMA
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WARREN
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Ret. Col (CUB)
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Chief of Off (Ret)
Ret. Col
W. B. Post Sr.

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15	TOTAL BL SUBS

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CHARTER RENEWAL RELEASE FL

CHARTER NAME & NUMBER
CHARTER NO. 10
COUNTY PUTNAM
LOCAL UNIT NO. 109
STATUS R
TERM (MONTHS) 12
RENEWAL DATE 3/31/90

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION NAME & ADDRESS
COUNTY PUTNAM COUNCIL
CODE 024
EXECUTIVE OFFICER NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE
Paul L. Thompson
4210 NINE ST
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32014

MEMBER FL 22065

BOYS' LIFE: TERM BEGINS ENDS
12 6/89 5/90

REGISTRATION INFORMATION DTI FEE

Paul L. Thompson
UNIT CHARTER FEE 10 \$ 20.00
PD YOUTH 1 \$ 20.00
MULTIPLE YOUTH XXXXXX
PD YOUTH B/L SUBS 1214 \$ 77.00
PD ADULTS 410 \$ 84.00
MULTIPLE ADULTS XXXXXX
PD ADULT B/L SUBS 1 \$ 10.00
SIGNATURE *William L. McQuinn*

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED

100% BOYS LIFE ? 307.6

ADULT MEMBER LISTING
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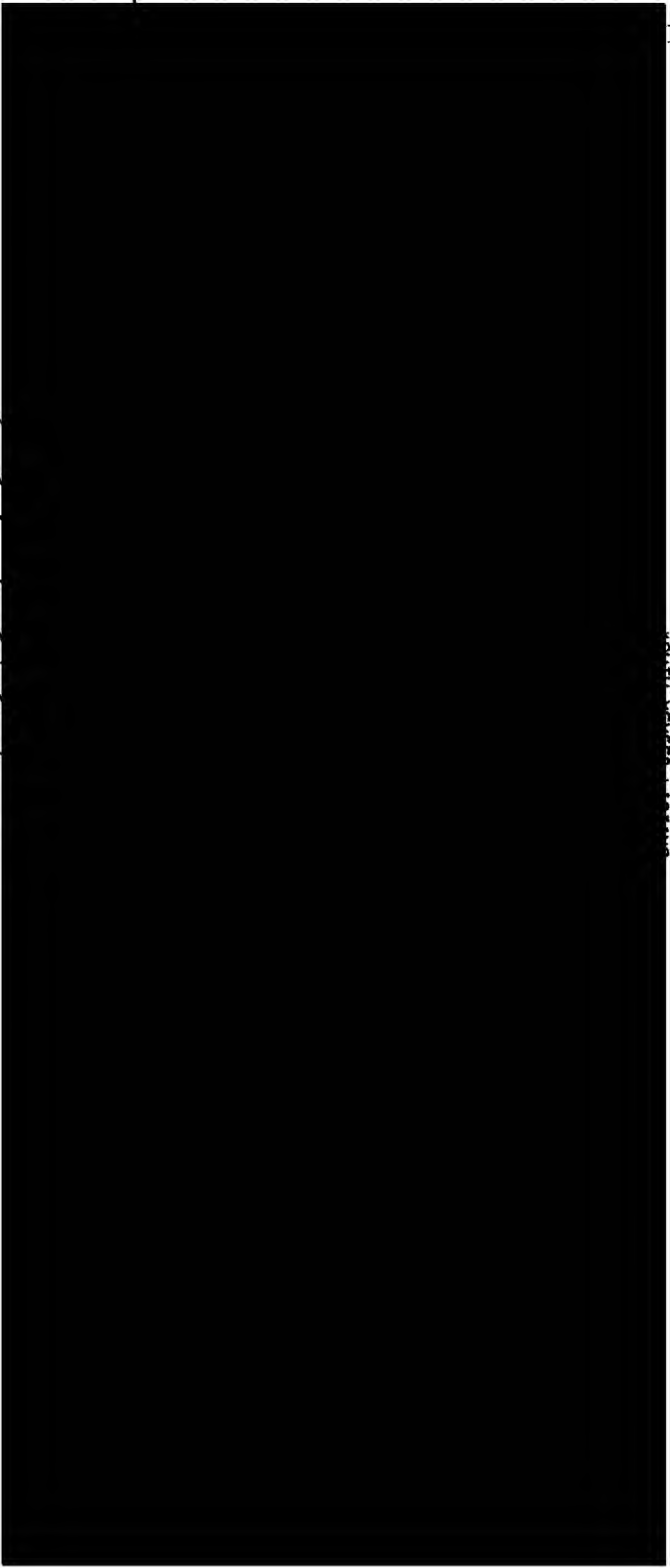
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UNIT LEADER 5-0109 CHARTER RENEWAL MELROSE FL



UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION Robert C Cooper Jr.
SIGNATURE

*** UNIT TOTALS ***

16 ~~22~~ TOTAL PD YOUTH
12 ~~14~~ TOTAL PD ADULT
17 ~~18~~ TOTAL BL SUBS

Keystone Heights, FL. 32656
21 August 1988

Mr. William McCullar
District Executive
St. Johns River District
Boy Scouts of America
Palatka, Florida

Dear Mr. McCullar:

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the Scoutmaster of Troop #109 with Arvil Bud, Barney Barco and you at our meeting August 19th at the Parish Hall in Melrose. After all the rhetoric, personal thoughts, opinions and philosophical historic review, I hope you will keep in mind my major areas of concern as you make your recommendations. I feel you value my opinion since you asked what my recommendations would be to clarify the situation.

My recommendations would be:

1. That Mr. Boehnlein be encouraged to deal directly, honestly and straightforwardly with the boys and parents of Troop #109.
2. That the Scoutmaster, when questioned on matters not walk away but that he either discuss the topic at the time or set up a time convenient to both parties to discuss the issue and that he deal with the discussion in an attentive and reasonable manner.
3. That the Scoutmaster set into practice the excellent training principles he has been exposed to.
4. That regular and announced Committee Meetings occur.

These recommendations alone will go far towards promoting and enhancing communications, good relations and will head off problems well before they become angry confrontations.

Also keep in mind I was told I could have my audience with Mr. Boehnlein before I left Mr. Bud's home. Mr. Bud had outlined a meeting with the majority of the adult leaders where he would act as neutral moderator and apply very strict rules of conduct, such as requesting recognition to speak by raising one's hand and allowing only one person to speak at a time. I agreed that this would be a most fair approach and that I would adhere to it...

What actually happened was something quite different. At the August 8th meeting, Mr. Bud had only contacted Barney Barco, ruling out the other relevant adult leaders. When I inquired where the other members were, Mr. Bud stated, "Mr. Taylor was on the in-active list and would not be called". Remember he was the one who also caught the Scoutmaster in a lie about his [redacted] attending Camp Boone and pressed the issue after the Court of Honor you attended at the Parish Hall. My concern at the time was how could anyone be put on "in-active status" for not attending meetings that had been suspended for the summer. I heard the excuse about his job as you did. I think the person to ask if he has any input would be Mr. Taylor. When I asked about Mr. Flynn, you heard as I did, "he now lives in Ocala". That is inaccurate. I think the person to ask if he has any input would be Mr. Flynn. I did not mention at our meeting on August 19th, that Mr. Flynn is the one who told Bob Cooper, First Assistant Scoutmaster, he thought Mr. Boehnlein was running "a dictatorship." When I asked about Mrs. Flynn, you heard as I, "she was never considered to be an Assistant Scoutmaster". She was the one that didn't think the Senior Patrol Leader (at that time the Scoutmaster's son) or any other boy should curse at the boys nor use intimidation as a management and communications style. Then there's me. You have a copy of my letter dated August 10th, stating my position and a copy of Mr. Bud's letter removing me as an Assistant Scoutmaster because I had the courage to speak to him about my [redacted] treatment.


It strikes me as rather deliberate that BEFORE summer camp, when Mr. Boehnlein needed adults to transport scouts and equipment five hundred miles to Camp Daniel Boone, North Carolina, we are considered invaluable to the troop; but, now that a new season is about to begin all four of us have been discredited when the scoutmaster's motives and actions are under question.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, and I met on two occasions to discuss our differences with Mr. Boehnlein. As a group we agreed to forego addressing the issues we had until after Boone Summer Camp in order not to disrupt or cause any disharmony in the group of boys we serve.

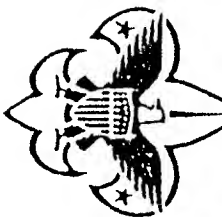
It was our intention to broach the matter upon return, in the proper order and protocol during the summer months so as not to jeopardize the unity and spirit of the boys of Troop #109.

Thank you once again for your time and attention to this matter. I regret we came to such an impasse.

Sincerely,


Parent, Troop #109

cc: Mr. Frank Raines, North Florida Council Executive
Father Fred Yerkes, Trinity Episcopal Church
Mr. Rob Pruden, Associate National Director, BSA
Mr. Ben H. Love, Chief Scout Executive, BSA
Mr. Charles M. Pigott, President Boy Scouts of America



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office

1125 Walnut Hill Lane

P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079

February 8, 1990

Mr. Steven K. Moore
Director of Support Service
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: THOMAS JONES, III

Dear Steve:

I haven't heard from you since October, and wondered if the legal action has now been completed related to this individual. If so, we would like the outcome for our files. I believe we would then have enough to permanently refuse registration anywhere it might be attempted.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,


Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

eko

cc: Mr. Frank N. Rains, Scout Executive
Southeast Region

2/14/90

*Paul - all is concluded - sorry
for late confirmation on things from when
he left here -*



Governor to
U.S.: Keep
tariffs on
citrus...3A

Palatka

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■ PALATKA, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1961

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Ex-Scout
official
gets jail

The second of two former Boy Scout officials charged with sexual abuse charges has been sentenced to prison.

Thomas Jones III received a 14½-year prison term last week. Circuit Judge Robert Perry ordered that Jones serve 4½ years of the sentence in prison and the remaining 10 years on probation. During probation, Jones will not be allowed contact with anyone under the age of 18.

Court records state the maximum sentence Jones could have gotten for the crime was 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In November, Jones entered a no contest plea to the charge of lewd and lascivious assault on a child. The plea means Jones neither admits to nor denies the charge. Judge Perry ruled Jones guilty.

Jones, 23, of Hastings, is a former counselor at the Baden-Powell Road Boy Scout Camp. The charge on which Jones was sentenced stemmed from an incident at the camp on June 26. The court file indicates Jones improperly touched a 15-year-old boy.

Jones was the second Scout official linked to improper behavior with Scouts. Last

summer Jake Gary Hersey, 26, of Palatka, was arrested on similar charges and later sentenced to prison time by Perry.



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Sand for 11/25 - 11/27/87

September 25, 1989

NOTICE OF ABSOLUTE DISQUALIFICATION FROM EMPLOYMENT
WITH CHILDREN OR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

CERTIFIED MAIL P 931 475 141
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas Jones III
[REDACTED]
Hastings, Florida 32045

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is to inform you that the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services has determined that you are absolutely disqualified because you failed to initiate the amendment/expunction process for a specific abuse referral dated June 26, 1989.

Your potential disqualification shall now be considered absolute, which in effect, shall disqualify you from your current position or from seeking a sensitive position involving the care of children, developmentally disabled, disabled adults, or aged persons. Your only recourse is to seek an exemption from disqualification, which involves an examination of your character so that the department can make a determination whether there is clear and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that you shall not now nor in the future present a danger to the well-being and safety of children or developmentally disabled individuals under your care.

Exemptions will be granted only when the department has clear and convincing evidence to support a reasonable belief that good character exists to justify an exemption. The District Administrator shall convene a review team to consider your request for exemption. The inquiry shall focus upon whether you present a danger to the safety or well-being of children. Among the factors to be considered are:

DISTRICT FOUR • [REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32231-0083

ROB MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR

GREGORY L. COLER, SECRETARY

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1. The circumstances surrounding the incident;
2. The time period elapsed since the incident;
3. The nature of the harm to the victim;
4. Your history since the incident;
5. Other information indicating whether you present a danger to the safety or well-being of children.

It is your responsibility to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation including but not limited to the factors listed above. You have the right to appear before the review team with an advocate of your choice or you may submit all your evidence in writing. The review team will submit its recommendation regarding your request for exemption to the District Administrator for a final decision.

To request such an exemption hearing, you must within 15 days of receipt of this notice of absolute disqualification submit a written request to the local District Screening Coordinator at P.O. Box 2417, Jacksonville, Florida 32231-0083. If you are dissatisfied with the department's decision on your exemption, you have the right to request an administrative hearing under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

If the exemption is granted by the District Administrator, you shall be notified accordingly. If the exemption is denied, you will be notified by certified letter. You may appeal the denial of an exemption through the formal hearing procedure under ch. 120 of the "Florida Administrative Procedures Act." Your written request for a ch. 120 hearing must be received no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the Department's denial of exemption letter at the following address:

Agency Clerk
Office of the General Counsel
Department of HRS
[REDACTED]
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Failure to timely request the exemption hearing within fifteen (15) days shall result in your permanent disqualification from employment with children or the developmentally disabled. Effectively immediately, you shall have no direct contact with children or the developmentally disabled in your current position pending the outcome of any appeal you initiate.

Should you have questions about any of the above information, please call me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Thornton

Mary Jo Thornton
Background Screening Coordinator

cc: Judith Hayduk, District Legal Counsel

Mr. James Recor

North Florida Boy Scouts (Camp Shands)

[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

DATE: 10-12-99
BY: 10013 10013

NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT BSA

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UNIT NAME: MEMBERS
ST UNIT NUMBER 10

COUNTY
GUTHRIE

LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS
102 9

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RENEWAL DATE
3-31-00

UNITED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS
UNIT: REGIONAL CHURCH
10013

CODE INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME ADDRESS PHONE
004 [REDACTED]

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ADULT MEMBER LISTING

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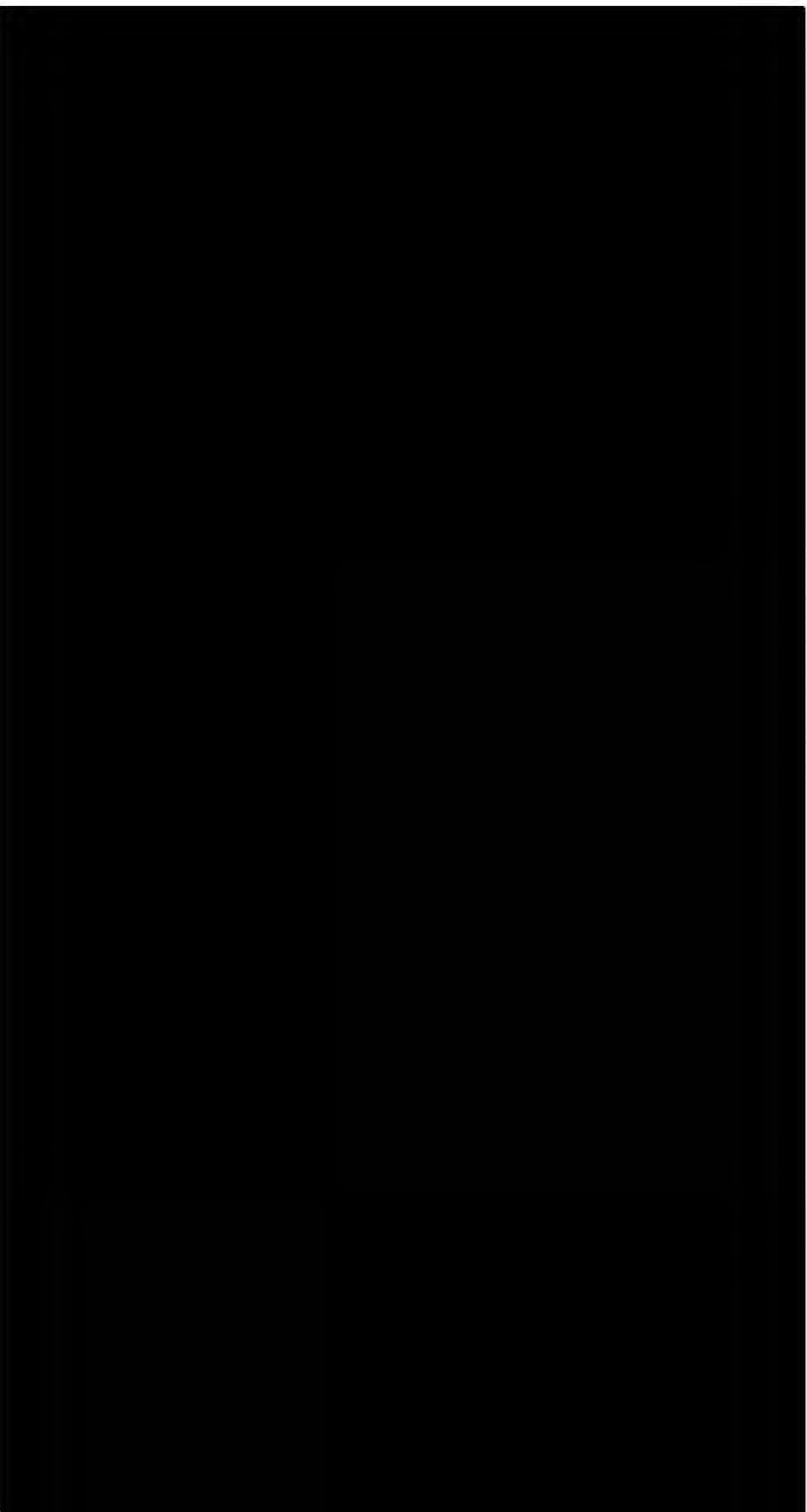
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10-10-99 MEMBER LISTING



UNIT TOTALS

1 TOTAL 29 YOUTH
2 TOTAL 20 ADULT
3 TOTAL 21 SUBS

*** END OF REPORT ***

Staff Agreement (continued)

I AM A CURRENT REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, AND AS A MEMBER OF THE CAMP STAFF, AGREE TO LIVE UP TO THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW.

ACCEPTED BY *James O. Recor* DATE *6/15/87*
Signature of staff member

(If under 18 years of Age)
PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPROVAL _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

STAFF POSITION: *Cook*

FULL NAME (print or type): *James O. Recor III*

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: *Hastings, Fla.* ZIP *32045*

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

REGISTERED IN SCOUTING AS: _____

WHERE REGISTERED: _____

In case of emergency contact _____

Relationship _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____

Keep one copy and return the other copy within two weeks to:

JAMES O. RECOR
DIRECTOR CAMP SHANDS
NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, FL 32205-5359

FOR COUNCIL USE

NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL CAMP STAFF AGREEMENT

NAME: Thomas Jones III

POSITION: 2nd Cook SALARY: \$ _____ per week

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have been selected to serve as a member of the 1989 Camp Shands Summer Camp Staff. You will have an opportunity to gain experience in leadership, learn new skills and help the youth through the Boy Scout of America's program. If you are under 18 you will also have an opportunity to work on your own advancement.

Please read this letter of agreement carefully. If you agree to these terms, sign both copies and return one to the Council Service Center within two weeks.

We will have a weekend fellowship and training session for all staff members at Camp Shands starting Friday, April 29, 8:00 P.M. (arrival anytime after 5:00 P.M.) and ending Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. More information to come.

You need to report to Camp Shands on Saturday, June 10, by 12:00 noon and will be needed 3 days following the close of camp or until all equipment is put up after our last campers leave Saturday, July 29, 1989.

As a "seasonal member" of the camp staff, you come under the jurisdiction of the North Florida Council in terms of performance of your regular camp function. Camp staff under the age of 18 years are also responsible to the camp management during periods of non duty hours, unless under the care of their parents) or guardian. It is therefore imperative that there be full understanding and compliance to the management of the camp in all matters outlined in the Camp Staff Policies and Procedures Guide.

Certain requirements will be made of all staff personnel. You will be expected to perform functions as may be assigned to you by your department head or members of staff management. (example Campfire Programs, Camp Wide Events, Webelos Camp, Cub Scout Weekends, Etc.)

All staff members are required to prepare themselves physically for the camp season. A medical form (less than one year old) is required upon arrival by each staff member, and must be turned into the Camp Director by June 11, 1989. All summer camp staff members must agree to be tested for drugs if requested.

The council provides Workmen's compensation benefits to all staff members.

As a member of the 1989 Camp Shands staff we expect your very best. At the same time, you will find that Camp Staff service will be among your most enjoyable experience. Acceptance and signing of this document shall indicate to the council and its camp management, your sincere desire to serve the youth and leaders of the North Florida Council.

Staff Agreement (continued)

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ACCEPTED BY

[Signature]

(Signature of staff member)

DATE

10/15/15

(If under 18 years of Age)
PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPROVAL

RELATIONSHIP

STAFF POSITION:

Cook

FULL NAME (print or type):

Thomas Thomas III

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:

CITY: *Thos. 1113 Fla.*

ZIP *32045*

PHONE NUMBER:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

REGISTERED IN SCOUTING AS:

WHERE REGISTERED:

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DATE *6/15/87*

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(If under 18 years of Age)
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ZIP CODE: *32045*

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NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Keystone Heights, FL 32656
10 August 1988

Mr. Arvil E. Bud
Committee Chairman
Boy Scout Troop #109
Melrose, Florida 32666

Dear Mr. Bud:

After my meeting with you and Mr. Barco, and for awhile including Father Yerkes, there have been few things that have disappointed me more.

At your acknowledgment of my rights to express my concerns and differences I have with our scoutmaster, I submitted a list of relevant questions requested by you.

I had previously explained to you the inequitable way the scoutmaster appoints positions that "in the book" calls for these positions to be determined by the electoral process carried out by the boys. It does state "in the book" that a NEW scoutmaster may appoint any and all positions ONCE. I think this is a good policy and have no problem with accepting it as a part of the guidelines. As I pointed out to you, I think two and one half years is long enough and that he should now adhere to the guideline's recommendations for democratic process.

I further explained to you how on many occasions I have had difficulty understanding why one man has TOTAL control as to how the guidelines are to be interpreted or even IF the guidelines are to be followed at all. I cannot understand why the democratic process has been suppressed and replaced with "Anything-I-Say-Goes-Because-I-Am-the-Scoutmaster" as a matter of practice.

I tried to explain my feelings to you and tried to convince you to start holding regular and publicized Troop Committee Meetings so we could get on with being what Scouting is all about. I pointed out to you that the group of boys we call Scouts are in a prime setting to learn first hand what democracy is all about and ALL the official BSA literature I have read bears this out and the training I have been required to take indicates that this is expected of us as adult leaders. There are numerous books written by the BSA "to be used as guidelines"; and because it is worded that way does not give us the latitude to disregard them nor to apply ONLY what ONE man wants enforced if the "guidelines" are to be applied at all.

You acknowledged and I concurred that this was the first time except for an incident involving the High Springs canoe trip, I have ever said anything to you about any difficulty I have had with Mr. Boehnlein and that he has not spoken to you about any difficulties with me. I further explained to you that I was not addressing these issues with you on my own behalf, but on behalf of the boys.

At your encouragement, I then confided in you about a situation that happened between Mr. Boehnlein and me that ultimately had an effect on one of the scouts in our troop, my son, [REDACTED]. I informed you that Mr. Boehnlein wanted the scout to pay for some tools that had been loaned to him which he had failed to return.

On a Saturday, a day planned to give the boys their physicals for Boone summer camp, our scoutmaster asked [REDACTED] for the tools he had provided him to teach a class with at the last meeting. While the scout was out of the room to get the tools, the scoutmaster turned to me and explained that he really had the tools and intended to tell the boy he had lost them and was responsible for replacing the tool value of \$12.50 and requested me to keep quiet about his plan. When I questioned him as to why it wouldn't be more appropriate to deal with the forgetfulness and not resort to deceiving the boy into thinking that he had been responsible for either the loss or theft of somebody else's property, he stated he "wanted to teach him a lesson". He also informed me that he not only wanted the \$12.50 for the tools but wanted to tell the scout how he was to work to pay off the debt. Our conversation ended soon after that as we were attending other things.

I also informed you that between the time of my conversation Saturday with Mr. Boehnlein and the following Monday night, Court of Honor, [REDACTED] my son, was relieved of his position as Senior Patrol Leader and the scoutmaster had not had the decency to call him on the phone to inform him that he had been replaced much less offer an explanation as to why he had been removed.

I concluded by telling you that the evening of Court of Honor I approached Mr. Boehnlein and attempted to address his decision to punish [REDACTED] for something he hadn't "really done". He informed me that he had spoken to [REDACTED] about his plans to make him pay for the tools and that [REDACTED] had responded that "if this has anything to do with the tools, you need to talk to my father about the matter". He then asked me "why did you tell him. Only you and I knew." I took great exception to the entire incident, especially after I expressed my concern that the whole thing was deceptive and dishonest. Mr. Boehnlein got up on left after I told him I could not support his lying to any of the boys.

I also shared with you an incident where both my son and I had been lied to by one of the assistant scout masters and supported in the lie by the scoutmaster by his actions. My son wanted to take an Eagle required merit badge class at Shands summer camp. We were told by the assistant scoutmaster that that particular merit badge class was not being offered. When I showed them that it WAS listed as being offered, they insisted "they knew for a fact that it was NOT". However, at the end of summer camp, it turned that the particular class had INDEED been offered and the scoutmaster's son, as a product of his participation in that class at camp, had earned that badge.

You are aware I presented other issues in our discussion at your home. You made notes of our meeting and referred to them at our meeting with Mr. Barco and Father Yerkes on August 8th at the Parish Hall.

Mr. Bud, as I told you August 4th at your home and August 8th at the Parish Hall -- I tell you again. I, as a parent, have some things to say and some questions to ask of our scoutmaster, and I will not be satisfied with anything less than an audience with him and the other assistant scoutmasters and whomever else you deem important to attend the meeting. I do believe and contend that I have such a right.

While I was not totally surprised at your decision rendered at the August 8th meeting, what impresses me most is the way you interpret the responsibility of your position as Committee Chairman of Troop #109, Melrose.

After our lengthy discussion, when I first called and came to your house at your invitation to voice my concerns, you carefully explained to me that while you must remain neutral you also agreed I did have a right as a parent to have an audience with Mr. Boehnlein.

If you insist upon forcing me to leave the unit because I have the courage and responsibility to speak out for the basic concepts of truth and fair play in dealing with all the boys of our troop, I DO NOT RECOGNIZE YOUR AUTHORITY TO DO SO and will seek that you show me somewhere in official black and white Boy Scouts of America guideline manuals where it invests such excessive proprietarian authority to do so. Then, and only then, should I feel obliged to honor such authority. If you do find documentation that supports your authority, I expect it to be applied equally throughout the membership of the troop.

Parent, Troop #109

cc: Bill McCullar, St. Johns River District Executive
Frank Raines, North Florida Council Executive

Keystone Heights, FL. 32656
21 August 1988

Mr. William McCullar
District Executive
St. Johns River District
Boy Scouts of America
Palatka, Florida

Dear Mr. McCullar:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the Scoutmaster of Troop #109 with Arvil Bud, Barney Barco and you at our meeting August 19th at the Parish Hall in Melrose. After all the rhetoric, personal thoughts, opinions and philosophical historic review, I hope you will keep in mind my major areas of concern as you make your recommendations. I feel you value my opinion since you asked what my recommendations would be to clarify the situation.

My recommendations would be:

1. That Mr. Boehnlein be encouraged to deal directly, honestly and straightforwardly with the boys and parents of Troop #109.
2. That the Scoutmaster, when questioned on matters not walk away but that he either discuss the topic at the time or set up a time convenient to both parties to discuss the issue and that he deal with the discussion in an attentive and reasonable manner.
3. That the Scoutmaster set into practice the excellent training principles he has been exposed to.
4. That regular and announced Committee Meetings occur.

These recommendations alone will go far towards promoting and enhancing communications, good relations and will head off problems well before they become angry confrontations.

Also keep in mind I was told I could have my audience with Mr. Boehnlein before I left Mr. Bud's home. Mr. Bud had outlined a meeting with the majority of the adult leaders where he would act as neutral, moderator and apply very strict rules of conduct, such as requesting recognition to speak by raising one's hand and allowing only one person to speak at a time. I agreed that this would be a most fair approach and that I would adhere to it...

What actually happened was something quite different. At the August 8th meeting, Mr. Bud had only contacted Barney Barco, ruling out the other relevant adult leaders. When I inquired where the other members were, Mr. Bud stated, "Mr. Taylor was on the in-active list and would not be called". Remember he was the one who also caught the Scoutmaster in a lie about his son's attending Camp Boone and pressed the issue after the Court of Honor you attended at the Parish Hall. My concern at the time was how could anyone be put on "in-active status" for not attending meetings that had been suspended for the summer. I heard the excuse about his job as you did. I think the person to ask if he has any input would be Mr. Taylor. When I asked about Mr. Flynn, you heard as I did, "he now lives in Ocala". That is inaccurate. I think the person to ask if he has any input would be Mr. Flynn. I did not mention at our meeting on August 19th, that Mr. Flynn is the one who told Bob Cooper, First Assistant Scoutmaster, he thought Mr. Boehnlein was running "a dictatorship." When I asked about Mrs. Flynn, you heard as I, "she was never considered to be an Assistant Scoutmaster". She was the one that didn't think the Senior Patrol Leader (at that time the Scoutmaster's son) or any other boy should curse at the boys nor use intimidation as a management and communications style. Then there's me. You have a copy of my letter dated August 10th, stating my position and a copy of Mr. Bud's letter removing me as an Assistant Scoutmaster because I had the courage to speak to him about my son's treatment.


It strikes me as rather deliberate that BEFORE summer camp, when Mr. Boehnlein needed adults to transport scouts and equipment five hundred miles to Camp Daniel Boone, North Carolina, we are considered invaluable to the troop; but, now that a new season is about to begin all four of us have been discredited when the scoutmaster's motives and actions are under question.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, and I met on two occasions to discuss our differences with Mr. Boehnlein. As a group we agreed to forego addressing the issues we had until after Boone Summer Camp in order not to disrupt or cause any disharmony in the group of boys we serve.

It was our intention to broach the matter upon return, in the proper order and protocol during the summer months so as not to jeopardize the unity and spirit of the boys of Troop #109.

Thank you once again for your time and attention
to this matter. I regret we came to such an impasse.

Sincerely,


Parent, Troop #109

cc: Mr. Frank Raines, North Florida Council Executive
Father Fred Yerkes, Trinity Episcopal Church
Mr. Rob Pruden, Associate National Director, BSA
Mr. Ben H. Love, Chief Scout Executive, BSA
Mr. Charles M. Pigott, President Boy Scouts of America

FOR [REDACTED] AND HER SON

White periwinkles bloom beneath
my son's bedroom window and a
blue jay forages the morning wet
grass for some tidbit to take back
to her nest of hungry beaks. I sit
with morning coffee and a friend's
story I can't forget:

My son, a man has sought
to soil you white modesty
crawled your young body
with his penis fingers
in the night, courting
your innocence in the ruse
of play -- so now my son

your eyes are awake
beyond the power of any
mother's lullaby to close.

Part, I blame me for your
plight. Thought I warned you
of such men, I told you not
how they work their vile
duplicities. Using youth's
blind, unfouled trust --
'See, I am your friend'
and you my son, having known
only good friends, unaware
and to his mind, fair game, like
fawn to wolf, the soft down
of your legs, as his hands
tightened

I read your statement
written in your school boy
hand. Dear God, not this.
My mother's stomach turned
as I read you turned away
and asked him stop but he
did not. My ears went hot.
I tried to swallow what was
rising in my throat and
called your father to come
home NOW and he came
right away but could not
wipe away or make better,
done - could not be undone

My mother's insides
screamed as the men
discussed, but my face
was calm though maybe
my fingers trembled
on my coffee cup.
I remember I tried,
I tried to be so calm.

The next day I was
numb all day and had
routine to rely on and
a friend to visit lunch
and you were all the
discussion:

How well you had
handled it all
your maturity
your inner strength
and you were well
and the man with
penis hands was
in jail, unable
to make 5000 dollar
bail

and I was well
so long as we
changed subjects
frequently


well, so long as
I pushed and shoved
the mess of a garage
into order


and the next day your
father whisked me out
of town to the fresh
salt air of a distant
beach beyond the reach
of thoughts and frowns
and local radios and
newspapers

Then Thursday, when I
called our good old
family friend attorney
he told me there was no
way to protect you from
slime's own defense
attorney -- then I failed.

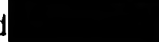
My eyes filled and
I collapsed in on me
hearing the court room
cross examination
of a defense intent
on soiling you to save
the slime skinned bastard's
hide, by proving your
complicity -- I cried
and my heart wished
such evil, evil on
that lawyer's child
so he should have to sit
forced to undergo
like sick'ning puke rot
questioning

damn them
damn them
damn them all



His Name is 

Ex-scout, from troop 90,
says leader molested
him 20 years ago.

They've charged  now,
a Branford city councilman,
Baptist deacon,

Sunday school teacher
and winner of the
highest award given

to Scout leaders, with
molesting two new scouts,
a 12 and a 13-year old

from his troop during
a camporee, six counts
of sexual battery

by a person in a
custodial or familial
authority and six counts

of lewd and lascivious
assault of a person
under the age of sixteen

Evil does not go away.
Twenty years he's been at it.
I'd go to his hanging.

